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of Biodegradable Matter

) Group Art Unit: 1771

) Examiner: C. Juska

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and  
Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Amendment and Request for Consideration (6 pages); and
2. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 page).

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED  
TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL  
OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS  
APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Claims 10-21 were rejected in an Office Action dated January 25, 2005.  
In response to the Office Action, please consider the remarks provided herein  
and amend the above-identified patent application, as follows: